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the apostle preached, the burden of the prophet, the gospel of the evangelist, and the wisdom of the pastor and teacher. Under the third head and occupying 79 pages is a discussion of the modern applications of the subject. It is the most valuable section of the lectures. Dr. Morgan's strong convictions concerning ministerial "vocation" come to the front here. He says: "While a man can, upon the ground of natural ability, decide whether he will be a doctor, lawyer, or commercial man, he cannot so choose to become a minister. The words of our Lord are of abiding application, and must be taken in their fullest sense: 'Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you.' So strongly do I feel upon this matter, that I never ask men to enter the Christian ministry."

The most stimulating chapter in the lectures is the one dealing with the "Unchanged Obligation" that rests upon men to take up the ministry of the Word. To anyone who needs to confirm his own sense of the worth of his ministry and to those who desire to see a high vision of Christian leadership Dr. Morgan's lectures will be valuable. Probably the summary of the contents of the New Testament on page 67 would hardly be acceptable to many students of the Bible. We wish that the book had been provided with an index. May we protest to the general editor of Revell books? Please provide indexes.

The Church and Its American Opportunity:
Papers by Various Writers Read at the
Church Congress in 1919. Charles Lewis
Slattery (editor). New York: Macmillan,
1919. Pp. vii+235. \$1.50.

It is sometimes said that ministers think in narrow grooves. If one would disprove this statement he need only survey the contents of this volume: "The Effect of the War on Religion"; "Shall We Retain the Old Testament in the Lectionary and the Sunday School?"; "The Obligation of the Church to Support a League of Nations"; "Essentials of Prayer Book Revision"; "The Need of an American Labour Party"; "Necessary Readjustments in the Training of the Ministry"; "The Functions of the Episcopate in a Democracy." There are twenty papers on these varied themes. One of the most thorough discussions is concerned with the training of the ministry. The failures of the seminaries are faced fearlessly and the lines of change are blocked out with foresight and courage. A paper by John Farwell Moors, president of the Associated Charities of Boston, expresses the Christian attitude toward enemies with the clearness and courage of a prophet and ought to be read by ministers as well as laymen, for it puts the case of forgiveness and magnanimity convincingly. To many readers the items on prayer book and lectionary would seem far less vital

than the other subjects; but they are of interest to the churchmen who composed the Congress.

Spiritual Voices in Modern Literature. By
Trevor H. Davies. New York: Doran,
1919. Pp. 312.

These lecture-sermons were delivered in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, in the winter of 1918-19. There are ten of them. They interpret the spiritual message in ten pieces of modern literature. The first question that rises in considering such a study is the subjects chosen. They are: Thompson's *The Hound of Heaven*; Ibsen's *Peer Gynt*; Ruskin's *Seven Lamps of Architecture*; Tennyson's *In Memoriam*; *The Letters of James Smetham*; Wordsworth's *Ode to Duty*; Morley's *Life of Gladstone*; Browning's *Saul*; Hawthorne's *Scarlet Letter*; Masefield's *Everlasting Mercy*. The intrinsic interest and value of these selections is an excellent guaranty of a profitable series of addresses. The second item is the method of treatment. It must not be so full as to be little more than a series of cuttings; it must not be so scrappy that one who does not know the piece well will obtain no idea of it as a whole. Dr. Davies succeeds in balancing his exposition with his quotation. He is a preacher by instinct. The book is not only interesting and profitable but an excellent model for those who would bring to modern audiences the spiritual riches of present-day literature. The misprint "drawest" instead of "dravest" on page 35 ruins the climax of Thompson's great poem.

Psychology and Preaching. By Charles S.
Gardner. New York: Macmillan, 1918.
Pp. 389. \$2.00.

This is a belated notice of an important book. The author is professor of homiletics and sociology in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. The work which he has done is way-making in the study of Christian preaching. There is little new to be said on the matter of the form of the sermon. The technique of preaching has been discussed over and over. Even profitable exhortation in homiletics has ceased to be a wise use of the professor's time. If there is new light to be seen anywhere it is in the psychological field. Here the soil waits for the plow; and Professor Gardner has broken ground with most excellent results. His work is not the final form which similar studies will take, but he lays every preacher under a debt of profound obligation. In fourteen chapters Professor Gardner studies controls of conduct, mental images and systems, feelings, ideals, belief, attention, voluntary action, suggestion, assemblies, mental epidemics, occupational types, and the modern mind, all with the idea